



The new Southwest LRT will provide light rail train service between downtown Minneapolis and Eden Prairie.

Riders will find easy access at any one of the proposed 17 new stations plus the five stations shared with the Hiawatha line in



Trains will operate every 7.5 minutes during peak times with a travel time of 33 minutes from Mitchell Road Station to Target Field Station in downtown.

The Southwest LRT line will have up to 35 new light rail transit vehicles, each with 66 seats and comfortable standing room for 70 people. The projected weekday ridership is anticipated to be about 30,000 by 2030.

## Project Partners

- Metropolitan Council
- Metro Transit
- Federal Transit Administration
- Counties Transit Improvement Board
- Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority
- State of Minnesota
- Minnesota Department of Transportation
- City of Minneapolis
- City of St. Louis Park
- City of Hopkins
- City of Minnetonka
- City of Eden Prairie
- City of Edina
- Twin West Chamber
- Minneapolis Regional Chamber of Commerce
- Eden Prairie Chamber
- Edina Chamber of Commerce

## It's A Ride You Can Feel Good About

**EMISSION-FREE TRAINS:** Like the Hiawatha Light Rail Transit line or the new Central Corridor LRT, Southwest LRT trains will be among the cleanest ways to commute. The light rail trains run on electricity and produce no emissions. In 2006, more than 155,000 of the miles logged by trains were powered by renewable wind, hydropower, and biomass energy.



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**Metropolitan Council**



COUNTIES **Transit Improvement** BOARD

**Metro Transit**



Light rail transit is expanding to the Southwest Corridor, one of our region's most heavily traveled, linking downtown Minneapolis with the southwestern suburban cities of St. Louis Park, Hopkins, Minnetonka, Eden Prairie, and passing close to Edina.

This new light rail line will provide a fast, safe, reliable transportation choice and connect major activity centers in the region including:

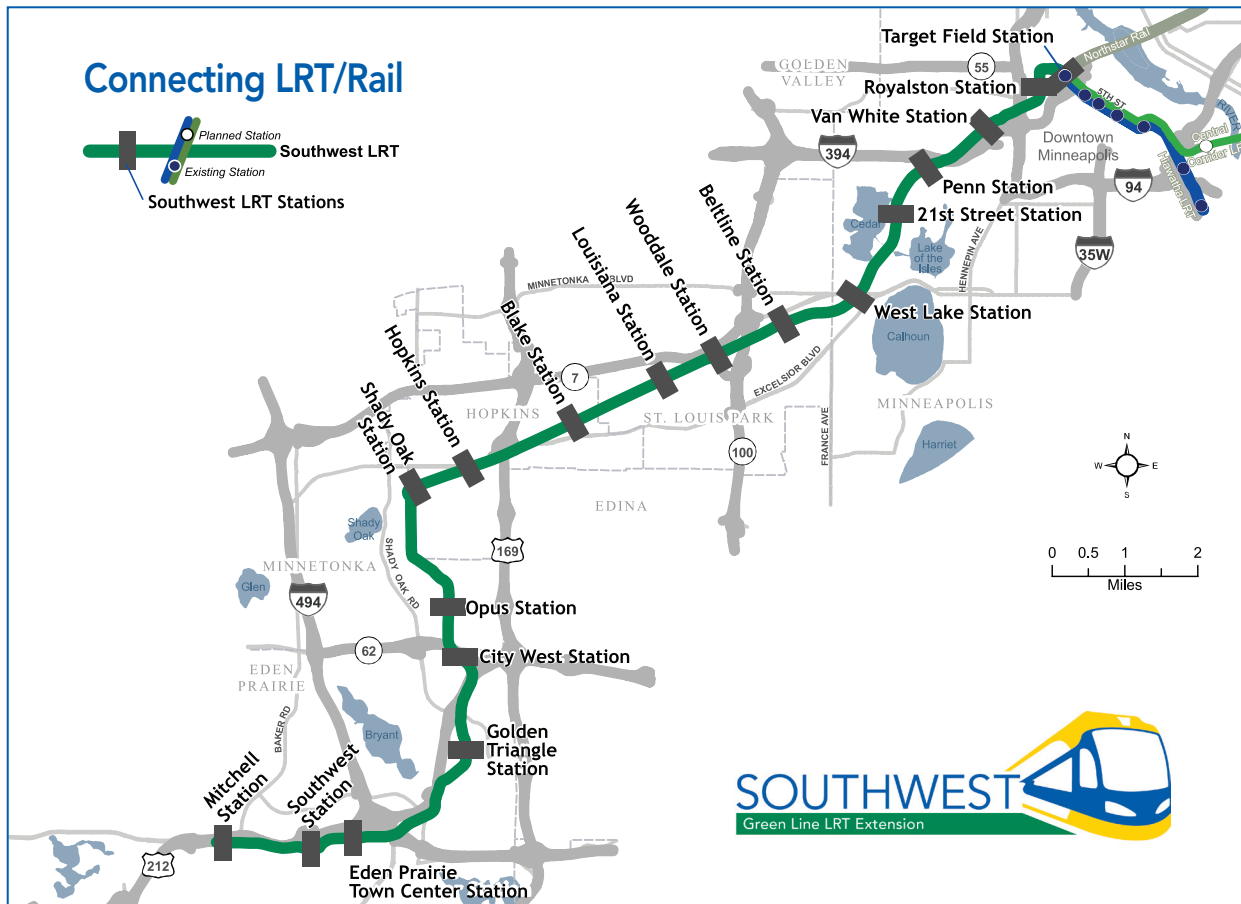
- downtown Minneapolis
- the Minneapolis Chain of Lakes
- Methodist Hospital
- the Opus/Golden Triangle employment area
- Eden Prairie Center Mall

## Project Timeline

Preliminary Engineering	2011 – 2013
Draft Environmental Impact Statement	2012
Environmental Record of Decision	2013
Final Design	2013 – 2014
Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA)	2014
Construction	2014 – 2017
Revenue Operations	2018



## Connecting LRT/Rail



The new Southwest light rail transit (SWLRT) line will be part of an integrated system of transitways. Boarding at one of 17 new stations, passengers will have a one-seat ride to downtown Minneapolis, the University of Minnesota and six other colleges and universities, the state Capitol and downtown St. Paul via interlining/through routing with the Central Corridor LRT.

Using connections from the Target Field Station, riders will also be able to access the Northstar Commuter Rail line and the proposed Bottineau Transitway, plus future commuter rail and intercity passenger rail lines.

Southwest LRT will provide a new transportation option for the existing 210,000 employees who work in the corridor as well as 60,000 new jobs that are forecasted by 2030. Delivery of Southwest LRT will create an estimated 150 design, engineering and management jobs; 3,500 construction jobs and 175 permanent operations and maintenance jobs.

Improving regional access and offering mobility options to these regional centers of employment, businesses, education and entertainment will help ensure the region's continued economic health and vitality.

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